

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1-18 have been canceled and new claims 19-46 have been added. Note that the word "set" is used in the claims. This word is to be interpreted as one or more. Note that claims 45 and 46 track claim 19, but in system and computer program product format. No claims were submitted that depend from these two independent claims. It is intended that when a notice of allowance is received, that a set of dependent claims that track claims 20-44 will be added that depend from each of claims 45 and 46. This approach was discussed with Examiner Woo on December 22, who confirmed that it would be acceptable to him.

Applicants wish to note that many applications that included similar claims were examined by Examiner Ryan Zeender. Some of those applications are referenced in an IDS filed herewith.

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